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Examiner: Joseph A. Cadugan  
For : **CONTROLLED FOOD FLOW IN A PATIENT**

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office action of October 1, 2002.

**Remarks**

In the previous office action, the Examiner subjected the claims of this application to an election/restriction requirement. Specifically, the Examiner stated:

"This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: one species utilizes a timer, the other a sensor, to control the restriction of the food flow device. Further there are two distinct species, shown in the drawings in Figures 2 and 3 and described in the disclosure. When applicant elects on type of control, an election should also be made between the embodiment that pumps fluid from a reservoir into the restriction device and the embodiment the pumps fluid between one half of the restriction device and the other. If the applicant decides to traverse one part of the election but not the other, applicant should include a list of the claims which read on the elected species of which election applicant does not traverse."